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# HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "You Can Tell Joe"...information from U.S. Department of Agriculture.

So...your Joe in the service wants to farm when he comes home from the war.

And he's asked you to be looking around...to find out what the prospects are...for a young man...who'll be ready...one of these days to trade his gun for a plow.

Did you know that committees of practical...down-to-earth farmers who know this complicated business of making a living on the farm...have been set up in nearly every county in the United States...to help the million Joes in the service who expect to go into farming when the war is over?

The county agricultural agent can put you in touch with farmers in your county who can tell you what type of farming is best suited to the area...where there are farms for rent or sale...how much money you need to operate a farm...what returns you may expect.

Of course...if your Joe grew up on a farm in the community...chances are he has a pretty good idea of the type of farming he wants to go into...the size and kind of farm he will want to operate...and he may even have a certain farm in mind.

Your Joe may be interested in the loan guarantee of the GI Bill of Rights. Briefly...it provides...that if...as a qualified veteran...he borrows money from a bank or another lender to buy a farm...livestock and equipment...the government will guarantee repayment of 50 percent of the money...provided the 50 percent does not amount to more than \$2,000. Joe will have 20 years to repay a loan for real estate purchases...and he will be charged an interest rate of 4 percent.

Each loan...made under the GI Bill of Rights...to buy a farm...is reviewed by a committee of farmers ...known as the Farm Security county committee. You can tell Joe...this committee is prepared to help him make a wise and sound investment...and to see that he gets a farm...good enough...that...if it's managed well...will bring you and Joe and your family...a living through the years.

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